



<b>Exam board:</b> AQA	<b>Course Code:</b> 8702
<p><b>Outline of course:</b>          Through studying literature, our students will explore the world around them, scrutinising history, culture and society, and holding up a mirror to the world around them in order to make meaningful connections with wider life.</p> <p>In Paper 1, students will study Shakespeare's play Macbeth, and Charles Dickens' novel, A Christmas Carol. Students will explore character, setting and themes, as well as learn to closely analyse how the writer presents these elements through language, form and structure.</p> <p>In Paper 2, students will study JB Priestley's stage play, An Inspector Calls, and the AQA poetry anthology Love and Relationships. Students will analyse the presentation of themes in the play through character, setting and language, and understand the wider context in which it was written. As well as learning how to analyse and compare poems in the anthology, students will learn how to explore unfamiliar poems and extract meaning from their form and structure as well as the language, for the unseen question in Paper 2.</p>	
<p><b>Assessment:</b>          Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel (written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes, 64 marks, 40% of GCSE).          Section A - Shakespeare: students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.          Section B - The 19th-century novel: students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.</p> <p>Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry (written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes, 96 marks, 60% of GCSE)          Section A - Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.          Section B - Poetry: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.          Section C - Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.</p> <p>There is no foundation or higher tier for either English exam so all students will sit the same papers.</p>	
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